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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF MAALOT

FOR SECY KISSINGER FROM AMB SCALI

1. IF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES OF ISRAELI RAIDS IN LEBANON
OUTNUMBER THE TOTAL OF ISRAELI STUDENTS KILLED, IT SEEMS
LIKELY WEIGHT OF OPINION OF SC MEMBERS WILL BE AGAINST
ISRAEL. ISRAEL WILL HAVE FORFEITED SYMPATHY SHE HAD
YESTERDAY. THIS WOULD INEVITABLY CONFRONT US ONCE MORE
WITH PROBLEM OF SEEKING BUT FAILING ANEW TO HAVE BALANCED
CONDEMNATION OF BOTH INCIDENTS. FINAL DECISION LIKELY TO
RESEMBLE RESULT OF QIRYAT SHEMONA EXERCISE, BUT WITH INTENSE
EMOTIONAL PRESSURE FROM US JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR AMERICAN
VETO.

2. MAJOR PRO-ISRAEL STREET DEMONSTRATION NOW IN PROGRESS IN
UN AREA FOLLOWING SPORADIC NIGHT-LONG ACTIVITY BY SMALL
GROUPS IN NY. MAYOR BEAM AND OTHER VIP'S INCLUDING JEWISH
LEADERS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK.

3. ADVANTAGE OF OUR TAKING INITIATIVE IS THAT WE GAIN
SOME CREDIBILITY AND ADDED FLEXIBILITY. OUR PROSPECT FOR
LIMITING DAMAGE WOULD THUS BE IMPROVED. DISADVANTAGE IS
THAT END RESULT OF OUR INITIATIVE IN CALLING FOR MEETING
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COULD WELL BE HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY RESOLUTION

WHICH WE WOULD FIND NECESSARY TO VETO.

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